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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of claims 58-80, 86 and 87, and withdrawal of the rejection previously asserted under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) in view of the amendments and remarks presented below. No additional fee is required for filing this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 3.

**Remarks** begin at page 21.